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CLOSING THE URBAN-RURAL DIGITAL DIVIDE**

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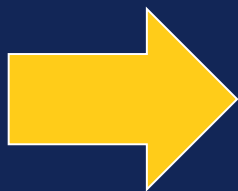
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# Innovative Optical Cable Solution for closing the urban-rural digital divide

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## Trends in Mobile Handsets Mobile Phones to Smart Phones & Tablets



BB is must in  
e-Diagnosis  
e-Education

**2013**

Population 7.3 B  
Mobile Phones 6.4 B

**>256 kbps**

Developed Countries 51 %  
Developing Countries 8 %



**2018**

Population 7.5B  
Smart Phones 4.5 B

Definition of "Broadband"

US FCC : **25/3 Mbps** (2015)  
EU digital agenda (by 2020)  
: **30 Mbps(100%)**  
: **100 Mbps(50%)**

Download time 45 min TV (200 MB) : 1min.@25 Mbps – 25 min.@1 Mbps

# Broadband Backhaul is **"MUST"** From Cities to Rural Areas

## Wired vs Wireless



## CAPEX Comparison Wireless vs Wired (US\$)



### Microwave solution (18 GHz, 100 Mbps)

Civil Works : 10,000-30,000 \$  
 Equipment : 25,000-50,000 \$  
 ( per a pair of antenna, equipment @ every few Kms)

### Optical cable solution

#### Civil Works:

Shallow burial(Bhtan) ~1,000\$/km  
 Aerial wiring(Jp) ~20,000\$/km + pole  
 Deep-Buried pipe(Korea) 71,800\$/km(with manhole/pipe)

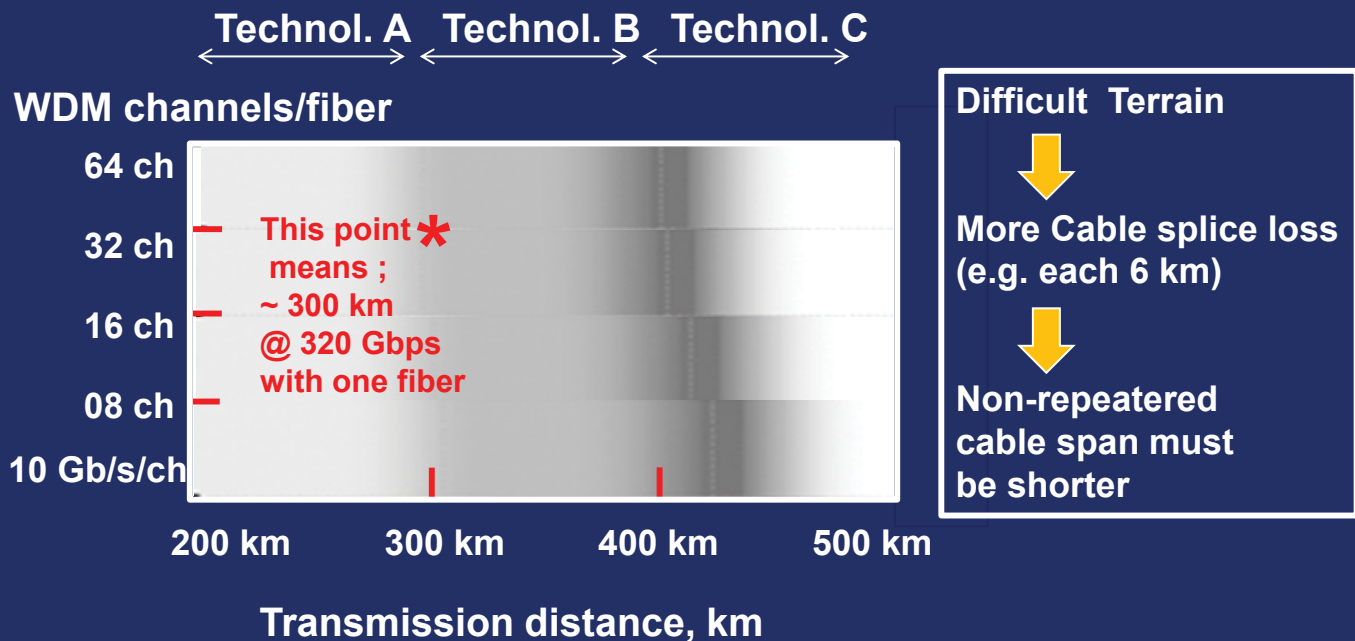
**Cable** <1000-4000\$/km (+ α: connectors)

**Equip't (media coverter)** <200\$/km (20k\$/10Gbpsx100km:33dB)



# Optical Cable Solution

## Signal Capacity vs. Transmission Distances without demanding Electric Power Supply



## Estimated cost of Cable + Construction Shallow direct burial using a handy pick

Cable with steel pipe with/without armor wire  
8-11 mm $\Phi$     3~4,000 US\$/km  
(+  $\alpha$  if connecterized)

### Construction

- 300m/day by 10 local people
- labor wage : < 50 US\$/day/head

Total 4500 – 5500 US\$/km or less (+  $\alpha$ )



# Min. CAPEX/OPEX available with Opt. Solution if direct-surface installation is allowed with later burying, submerging and suspending

## Difficulties in wireless solution

<b>Construction cost:</b>	high
<b>Data rate:</b>	< 1 Gbps
<b>Antenna spacing:</b>	< few Kms
<b>Power:</b> P.K.PANIGRAHI, Ex Sr.DDG, DoT India	80-90% Diesel engine for Rural mobile towers with 9k L fuel/Y per tower



Hasty introduction of microwave solution might slow down the Nation-Wide Broadband plan

## ITU-T develops a new Opt.-cable Standard for direct surface installation –proposal

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**TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION**

STUDY PERIOD 2013-2016


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Question(s): 16/15

STUDY GROUP

Source: Global Plan Inc.

Title: Proposed Annex A of Rec. A.1 for optical fibre cables for **direct surface application** with its Draft ITU-T Recommendation



Nov. 2014

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**1. Introduction**

The goals of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), which are aligned with the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the WSIS targets of connecting all villages, towns and cities, can be achieved in Developing Countries through infrastructure capacity building.

The objective of ITU-T for producing global standards(2012-2015) identified in Resolution 71 of PP 2010 as the very first ballot item is “to develop standards consistent with ITU’s mandate and the needs and interests of the membership, such as **narrowing the digital divide**, improving health and safety .....

ITU strategic plan (2016-2019) states nearly two thirds of the world population still have no regular access to the Internet. The infrastructure challenge to connect all of these people to high-speed Internet is enormous. Its Goal 2 is “**Bridge the digital divide and provide broadband for all**”: the broadband defined by US FCC in 2015 is 25 Mbps(down-stream)/3 Mbps(up-stream).

To connect cities and rural/remote areas toward closing the digital divide, although wireless solutions are often used today, optical-fibre solutions are also very important to **quickly and nation-widely penetrate ultimate broadband even across difficult terrain.**

# ITU-T develops a new Opt.-cable Standard for direct surface installation –**Now started**

## Jun. 2015, agreed to develop new cable standards

**Proposal for New Recommendation** “*Optical Fibre Cables for Direct Surface Application*”.

**C1402** “Inputs for discussion of optical fibre cable Recommendation for direct surface application” was reviewed. Low cost, reliability and robustness were proposed as the most important requirements. It was noted that the key proposal in this contribution was **direct surface application with manual cable laying in a do-it-yourself manner on a cable with continuous metallic barrier**. It was also noted that optical cables have been proven to be rugged and robust. They would survive the conditions **described in the three contributions.**”

WD16-01 Annex A1 Justification for ITU-T L.dsa (**Direct Surface Application**) was reviewed and **accepted** with revisions (**Attachment 1**).

WD16-02 Annex A1 Justification for ITU-T L.cci (**Criteria for Optical Cable Installation**) was reviewed and **accepted** with revisions (**Attachment 2**).

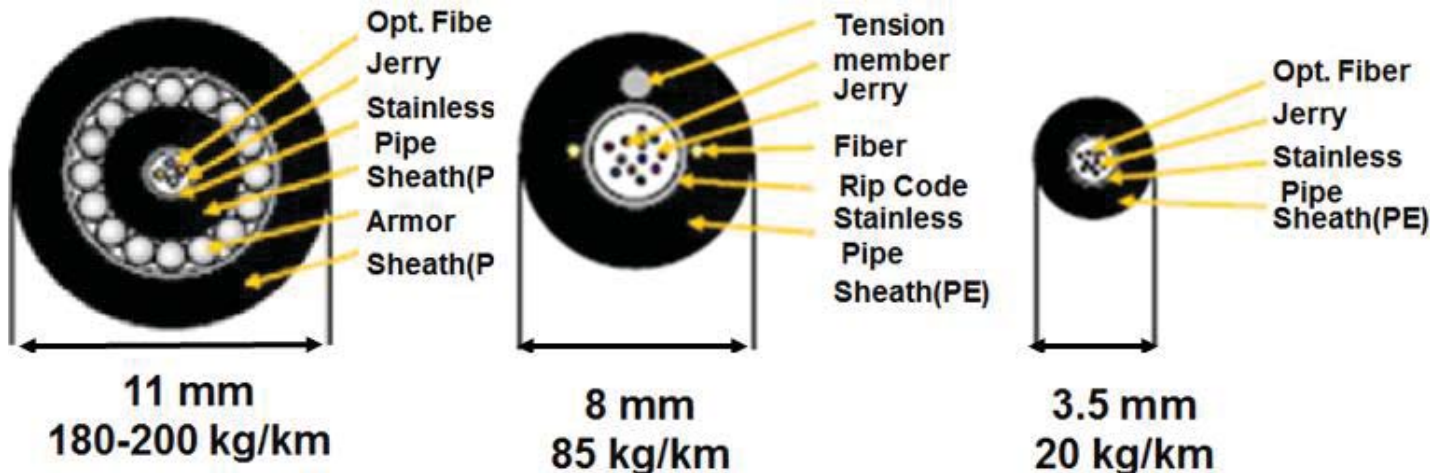
## Innovative optical cable with a steel pipe allowing direct-surface installation



<b>Outer diameter</b>	<b>Φ11 mm</b>
<b>Tensile Strength</b>	<b>350 kg</b>
<b>Lateral pressure</b>	<b>&gt;500kg/100mm</b>
<b>Weight</b>	<b>180-200 kg/km</b>

# Three Cable Types

## Commercially available, Japan

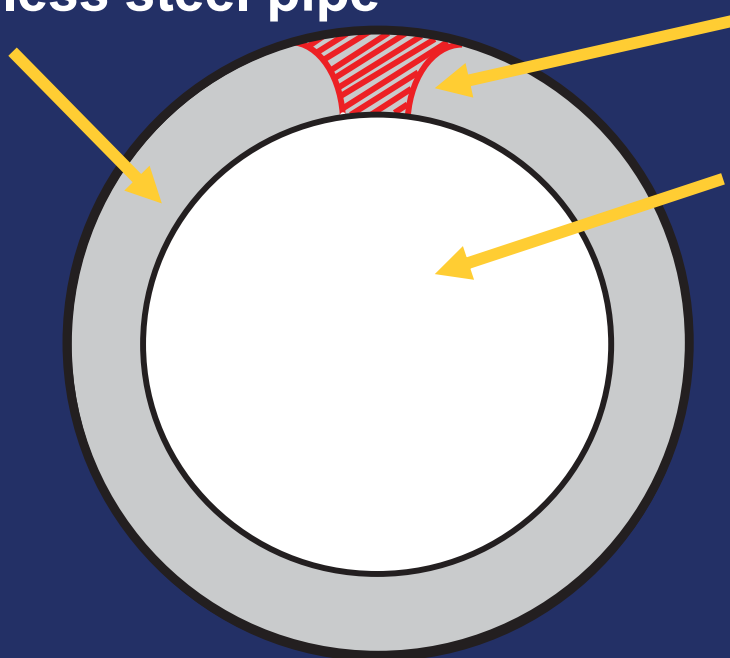


20 Years, 20,000km

## Cross-section of the stainless-steel pipe

Stainless steel pipe

Welded region  
(Completely water-proof)



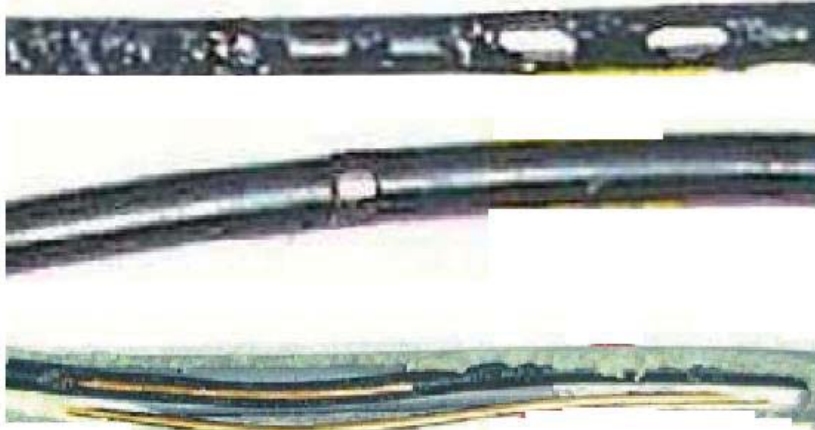
Example of Number of Optical Fibers acceptable in the pipe

- In the pipe used for 11mmΦ cable  
 ≤6X4 fiber-ribbon or,  
 ≤48 loose fiber
- for 8mmΦ cable  
 ≤3X4 fiber-ribbon or,  
 ≤24 loose fiber
- for 3.5mmΦ cable  
 ≤1X4 fiber-ribbon or,  
 ≤8 loose fiber

# Rodent Proof Test (Rats)



After 6 days with  
4 Brown Rats  
4 Roof Rats



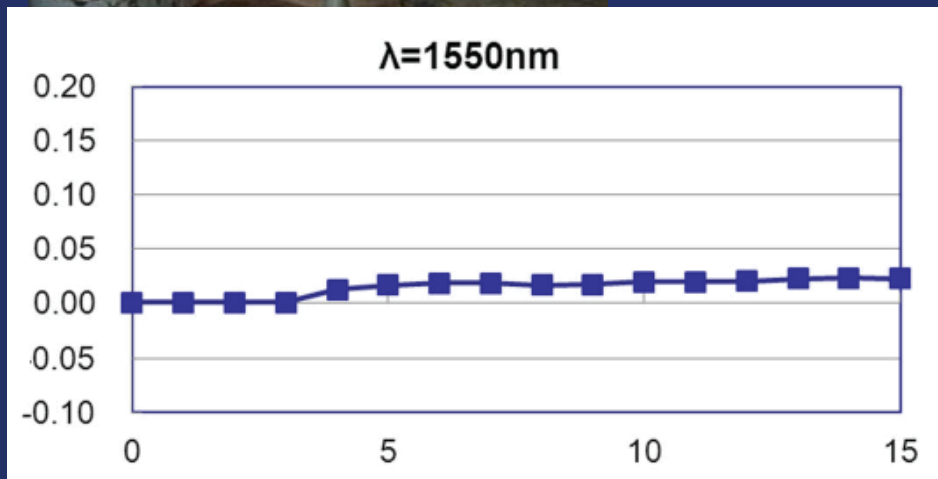
**Steel-pipe Cable  
Fibers protected**

**Conventional  
Cable  
broken**

# Fire Proof Test at 1180 °C



**Optical Loss  
Increase, dB**



**minutes**



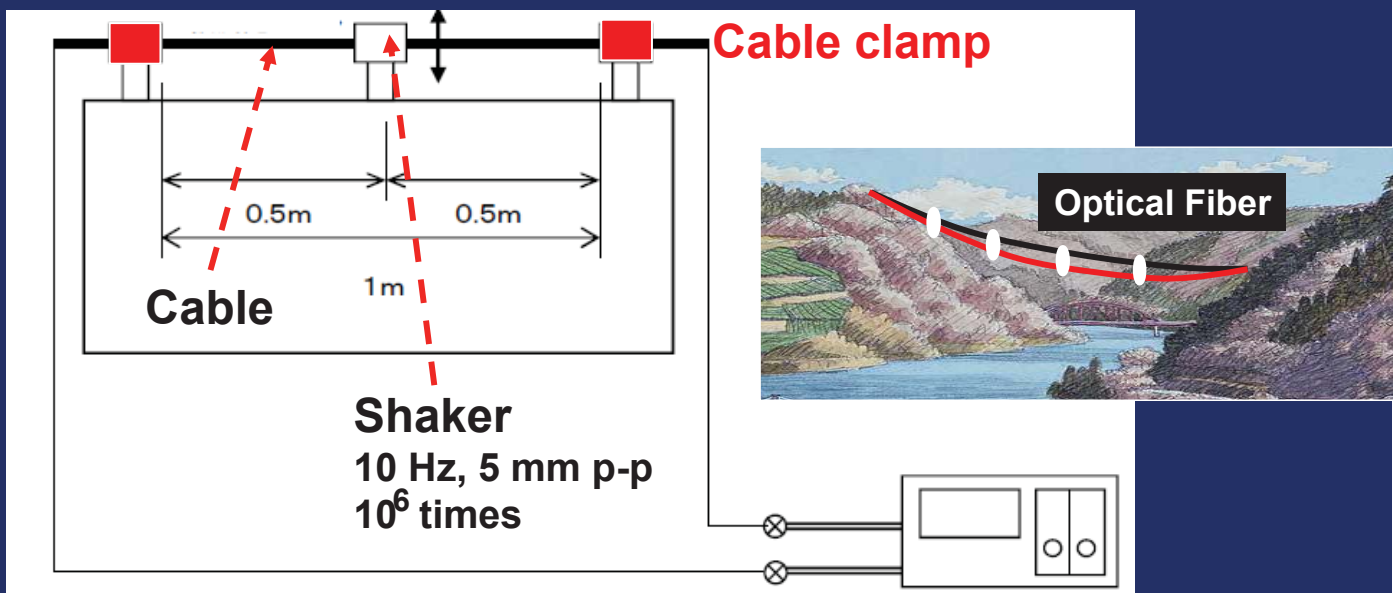
# Lateral-pressure proof test

Optical loss increase, dB



# Suspended-cable vibration test

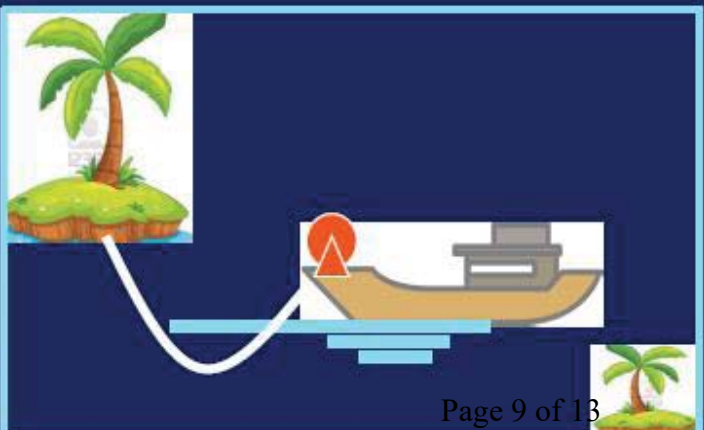
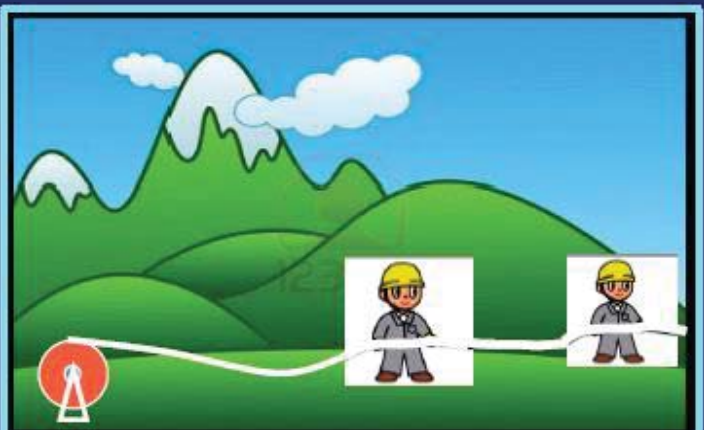
No damage was observed against simulated cable vibration for aerial wiring,  $10^6$  times



# Water Proof, Proven



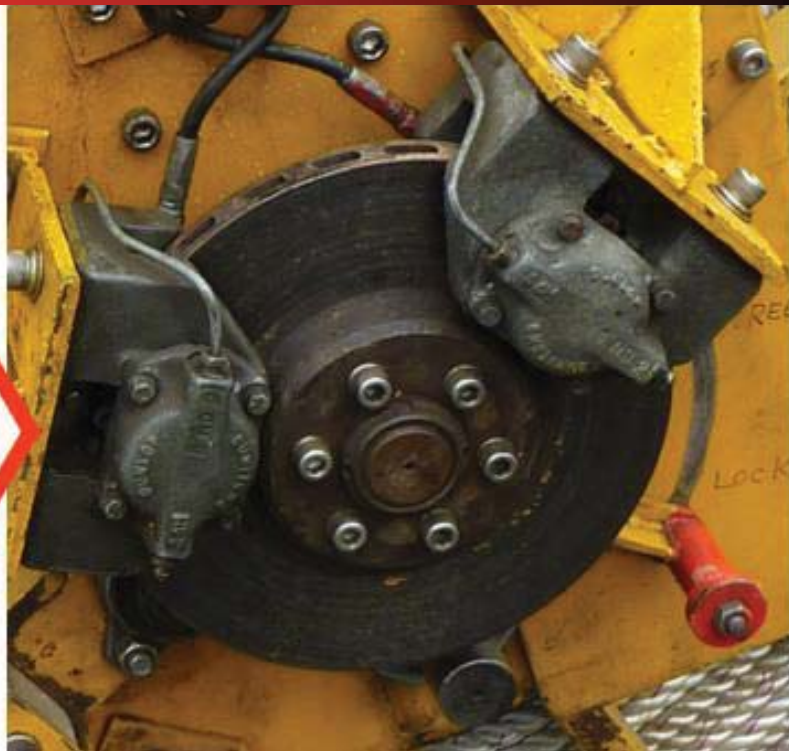
## Thin and Lightweight Cable Cost-Effective Easy Cable Laying Enables "Do it yourself"



# Optical cable laying by Helicopter

## Cable dram with a disc brake

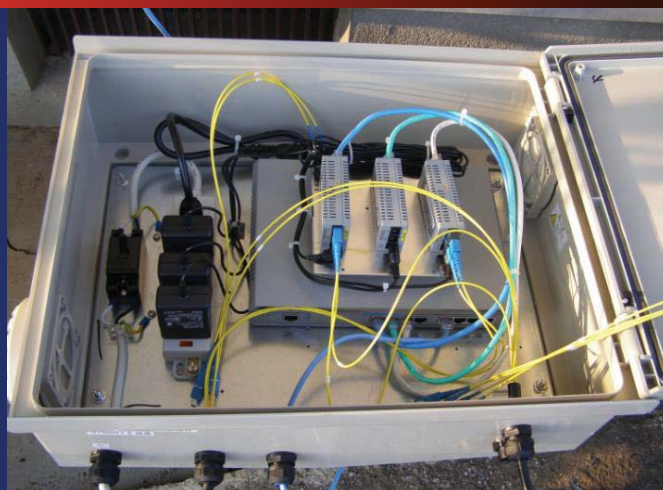
### Possibility



## Transmission Equipment (Outdoor)



Optical Cable



- Anti-corrosion film
- Moisture absorber could be used to avoid air conditioning, where necessary.

Media converter  
10 Gbps, 24dB (~80km) ; **6k US\$/channel**

# AT Project in Tonokura (snowy village), Japan, 2009-2010



Cable laying time duration: 1 H/100m

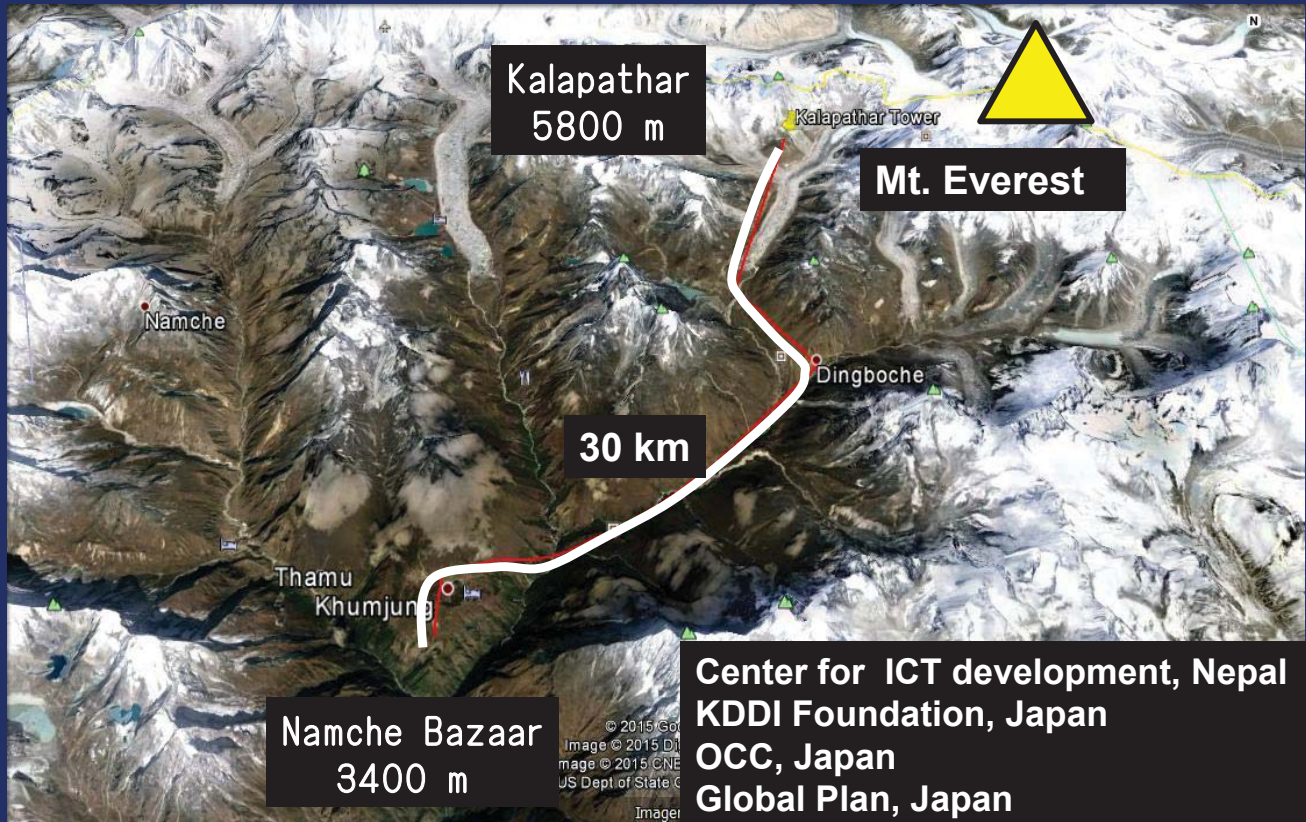
Murata et.al., ITU Kaleidoscope 2011

## A Project in Bhutan, March 2013 4-day construction for 1.2 km



No BAD NEWS  
Heard as of  
Summer 2015

# Pilot tests are being planned in Nepal



## Summary (1)

“Broadband (25 Mbps)” will be soon necessary even in remote areas in developing countries

Satellite & Wireless are with limited bandwidth  
**< M bps, < G bps**

Optical cable brings “real” broadband  
**>> T bps (10G, 10λ, 10 Fibers = 1 Tbps)**



Innovative Opt. Cable was proposed

**Thin, lightweight, robust and easy-handling cable allows direct-surface installation in a DIY manner**

**➡ most cost-effective installation**

**➡ quick/nation-wide broadband backhails**

## Summary (2)

The key is the metal pipe protecting fibers  
against crush, rodent, moisture/water, high/low temp

ITU-T Recs. are being developed (SG5,15)

“Opt. cable for direct surface applications”

“Requirementst for Low cost sustainable telecom in  
structure for rural areas in developing countries”

Pilot tests are being conducted and planned  
Japan, Bhtan, Nepal, India (MP state). Multiple  
countries express interests in conducting pilot  
tests.

Thank you very much for your attention

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